

# THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

2 PETER CHAPTER 1:5-9

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**“100% Sanctification – Guaranteed” – Part 3**

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**2 Peter 1:5-9**

But **also for this very reason, giving all diligence**, add to your **faith virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**, 6 to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**, 7 to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**. 8 For **if these things are yours and abound**, you will be neither **barren** nor **unfruitful** in the **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For **he who lacks these things** is **shortsighted**, even to **blindness**, and has **forgotten** that he was **cleansed** from his **old** sins.

**The Christian Life Is Most Likely Something Far**

**Greater Than You Could Have Ever Imagined.**

**Hebrews 2:11**

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being **sanctified** *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

**Hebrews 10:10**

By that will we have been **sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

**Hebrews 10:14**

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being **sanctified**.

With this goal insight

**Galatians 4:19**

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is **formed (morpho)** in you,

**Reviewing Part 1 & 2 of Our Previous Teaching**

## 100% Sanctification – Guaranteed!

1.) Means that we co-operate with God	vs. 5-7
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### Means That We Cooperate With God

1a.) We with a greater understanding	vs. 5a
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1b.) We with a greater devotion	vs. 6a
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1c.) We with a greater love	vs. 6b-7a
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**So let's begin where we ended, Where Jesus Announces  
The Single Most Important Doctrine of the Bible...**

**And with that, we ended last week with a prayer of  
surrender – a surrendering to the control of the Holy Spirit**

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2.) Means that we are right with God	vs. 8-9
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8 For if these things are (in) yours and abound (overflow),

“for if these things are (in) yours”

“if” meaning “since” or “if” meaning “make yourself sure of it”

### 2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure,

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### Means That We Are Right With God

2a.) You can expect excitement and vitality	vs. 8
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Verse 8

you will be neither barren nor unfruitful  
in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Barren** grk: argos; ( in the negative: **idle** ) will not be inactive; will not be idle. Will not be careless; will not be lazy. Will not be useless.

A “flat-line faith” or a faith that does not “register on the scale.”

It’s a faith that is not real. It’s not a combustible faith.

It’s Idle, dormant – comatose.

**Unfruitful** grk: akarpos; ( in the negative: **Lazy** ) will not be unproductive. Will not be a loss or a mis-venture. Meaning that your investment is guaranteed a return. The rate or amount is self-determined. (It’s up to you to set your % of commitment. Will it be 30%, 60% or 100%?)

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **15** And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. **16** Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. **17** And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. **18** But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. **19** After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **:20** “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ **21** His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ **22** He also who had received two talents came and said, “Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ **23** His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ **:24** “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ **:26** “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. **27** So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. **:29** “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. **30** And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Examples: the demonic / the lame man / the blind man

in the knowledge of  
having intimate, firsthand experience of our Lord Jesus Christ  
being just that in your life – that Jesus is your Lord, and your Christ.

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**Means That We Are Right With God**

2b.) You can expect vision and clarity

vs. 9a

Verse 9a

9a For he who lacks these things is  
shortsighted, even to blindness,

**shortsighted:**

Meaning that this “**Professing Christian**” has lost the eternal perspective.  
Meaning that “**Professing Christian**” no longer retains Heaven in their sights.

**blindness:**

Meaning that this “**Professing Christian**” is now in a condition of stumbling  
around from one disaster after another, from one mistake, blunder, bad idea,  
bad decision, one after another!

spiritual blindness, shortsightedness, lack of vision, dullness of faith  
are all evidences that a you are backslidden from Christ or it may  
indicate that you’re not a Christ-follower at all.

When we leave the eternal / heavenly perspective,  
we get carnal in our conduct. We get worried about things,  
we gravitate toward physical things, money and power.

How did he lose his eyesight?  
his vision became clouded by his past sins, his old life,  
that other person he once was.

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**Means That We Are Right With God**

2c.) You can expect gratitude and thankfulness

vs. 9b

Verse 9b

and has forgotten  
that he was cleansed from his old sins.

THIS IS A GRAVE STATEMENT HERE. IT IS DEBATED BY THEOLOGIAN AS TO JUST EXACTLY WHAT DOES IT MEAN.

**The fact that (this) verse is debated is danger enough for me.**

Peter acknowledges that not everybody will maintain the diligence that leads to maturity. Some blind believers fail to look back on their conversion, when God purified them from their sins. Shortsighted believers cannot look far enough ahead to see the coming of Christ and His reward to the faithful. So, those focusing on the present life and living for themselves will lack these qualities and squander the provision of power God has given them (1:9).

*Writes Chuck Swindoll*

With Heaven Out of Sight, - It's Influence Was Out of Mind = **He Forgot;**  
Forgot that his life was once without Jesus in this world.

**He Forgot;**

Forgot that he once lived without any purpose or meaning.

**How does someone lose their eye-sight?**

Bad Diet / Illness, Sickness, Disease / Trauma  
Prolonged Darkness.

1 John 1:7a

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light,

1 John 2:9-10

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.  
10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

**In my personal reading this week**

I came across a spiritual checklist that a Christian can use to evaluate their spiritual development – a growth chart if you will.

Evidence of having a right heart toward God.

Your actions and decisions will be characterized by wisdom.

**James 1:5**

You will notice that you enjoy a shelter and protection during life's storms.

**Psalms 46:10**

You will have a sense of satisfaction and contentment  
apart from physical realities.

**Philippians 4:11-13**

You will know God as the Living God.

**1Samuel 17:26-37**

You will see people as God sees them and will  
be concerned for them as He is concerned for them.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

You will have a sense of meaning, purpose and mission for your life.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

You will have a desire to be the person God has  
created you to be and not someone else.

**Acts 17:28**

You will enjoy a supernatural well of vitality.

**John 7:37-38**

You will experience rest for your soul

**Matthew 28:11-13**

You will observe an ability to be patience and to embrace waiting.

**Matthew 6:33**

You will discover an ongoing, unceasing conversation with God in prayer.

**1Thessalonians 5:16-18**

You will increasingly become excited about the reality of Heaven

**2 Corinthians 5:8**

**Colossians 1:26-27**

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

### **Psalm 27:4**

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

### **An Encouragement / Exhortation**

To the child of God today – I say this. You can expect gratitude and thankfulness to be an attitude of yours - for these reasons,

As He works His work of sanctification (making you more like Jesus all along the way) in your life, He will do so and He will not relent and He will not stop chiseling you. Sometimes sanding, sometimes chipping – there are times when He must use a hammer - - But He will not stop.

He will go directly to your bad temper and He will begin to extract it until its out like bloody tooth.

He will launch a full-scale attack on your self-pride that will leave your head spinning. He will implant, insert elements of His Son in you. He will not stop.

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